

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules) WT Docket No. 05-235
To Implement WRC-03 Regulations Applicable to)
Requirements for Operator Licenses in the) RM-10781, RM-10782, RM-10783
Amateur Radio Service) RM-10784, RM-10785, RM-10786
) RM-10787, RM-10805, RM-10806
) RM-10807, RM-10808, RM-10809
) RM-10810, RM-10811, RM-10867
) RM-10868, RM-10869, RM-10870

To: The Commission

**COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO AND AGAINST THE PETITION FOR PARTIAL
RECONSIDERATION SUBMITTED BY ANTHONY R. GORDON**

I echo the commenters who believe Mr. Gordon has not adequately supported his opinion that knowledge of Morse code telegraphy is a core competency of the Amateur Radio Service and should be an admission requirement for Amateur Extra Class status.

I am one of the licensees in the Amateur Radio Service who upgraded from Technician to Amateur Extra after the Commission dropped the Morse code requirements altogether. I would not have done so if the Morse code requirements had not been dropped. The skills and knowledge I developed during my studies for Amateur Extra Class status are and will continue to be useful in my role as a deployable member of the Gwinnett County, Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). This is the direct result of the positive public policy the Commission set when it dropped the Morse code requirement. In the unlikely event that I wanted to learn and use Morse code, the current rules do not prohibit me from doing so.

In consideration of the foregoing, I respectfully request that the Commission deny Mr. Gordon's petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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